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PROJECT TANK TOP II (U)

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1. (S) The situation in Berlin requires certain urgent actions to insure the success of a quadripartite airlift operation in IPR and VFR conditions against strong harassment should this course of action be used. Countering an airlift by ECM harassment will acutely affect the U.S. and Allied prestige and international position.
2. (S) Project Tank Top II is a 3-phase program established to take the actions, by specific dates, to insure planned airlift operations against the known ECM threat. The plan for these actions includes all resources required to provide operational facilities in the following areas: ECM Radar Facilities, ECM Air/Ground Communications, Visual Air Navigation Facilities, Electronic Air Navigation Facilities and Special Requirements, training, equipment diversions, etc. Tank Top II plan dated 28 July 1961 is approved. Advance copies have been distributed. Additional supplemental instructions, as required, will be forthcoming.
3. (S) This project has an overriding priority to insure completion by the dates specified in the plan. No precedence rating will be assigned. For supply and transportation needs, mission category one is assigned. Diversion of ECM radar and air ground communications equipment from other systems is authorized. AFSC is the responsible task manager.
4. (S) Funds, as outlined in this plan, are authorized to support this project. Funds will be reprogrammed by this headquarters pending receipt of supplemental funding.
5. (S) All organizations responsible will take such emergency and extraordinary actions as necessary to meet the operational dates required. Direct communication is authorized as necessary. The Directorate of Operations, DCS/O, is responsible for overall project management and will be kept advised of project actions and progress. USAFE will be responsible for project implementation supported by responsible commands.

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